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## J. PAUL FOLSOM, COUNTY EMPLOYE, ACCUSED OF USING GIRLS TO ROB, ESCAPES TRIAL

An instance of how our state's attorney's office works when a criminal who happens to have political pull is involved, occurred today.

The charges against J. Paul Folsom, former clerk in the office of the county clerk and brother of Master-in-Chancery Folsom of the Circuit Court were dismissed today for lack of prosecution.

Folsom was arrested in the county clerk's office September 11 after an extraordinary story, branding him as a master of crime, had been told in open court.

The day before, Gertrude Sutter, stenographer of State Senator John E. Madigan, was arrested for drugging and robbing Oscar Bird, 4816 North Robey street.

Mrs. Sutter first protested her innocence. Then Bird positively identified her, and she broke down. This is the story she told:

"I robbed Bird. I got about \$250. I didn't want to do it, but J. Paul Folsom made me."

Judge Sabath interrupted the girl here.

"Are you the slave of this man Folsom?" he asked.

"Yes," said Mrs. Sutter, "and I am not the only woman who is in his power. He has several others he uses as he uses me. He can make me do whatever he wants.

"He met me one night, and told be about Bird. He told me Bird was a good friend of his, and that he had plenty of money.

"Then he dragged me into a cafe where he introduced me to Bird. He gave Bird some drug, and Bird gave him one dollar with which to buy drinks.

"Then I went to a hotel with Bird. Bird became unconscious almost immediately. I took his money, and met Folsom outside. I gave him half the money I got."

Bird later corroborated the greater part of this story. He told of meeting Folsom in a saloon, and of Folsom's seeing his cash a check for \$250.

He said that Folsom took him to a cafe, and there asked him to wait, reappearing soon after with Mrs. Sutter. He told of being drugged.